



Donald Wigginton

February 11, 1933 - December 28, 2019

Donald Ray Wigginton, 86, of Yoakum (formerly of El Campo) went to be with the Lord on December 28, 2019. He was born in El Campo, Texas on February 11, 1933 to the late James Melvin Wigginton and Lelia Agnes Northcutt Wigginton.

He attended Hahn Community School and later El Campo Schools. Donald was proud to tell people that he was the first person in Wharton County to receive penicillin. At age 17, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as a supply clerk and stock clerk. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan from 1950-1953. While in the U. S. Air Force, Donald was a Golden Glove Lightweight Boxer and won the Golden Glove in the early 1950's. He received an Honorable Discharge on October 12, 1953.

Donald had various jobs in the oilfield on and off in his career. He worked as an agent for Prudential Life Insurance in the early 1960's. In the late 60's he worked for Texas Gulf Sulfur at Matagorda, Texas. While in Matagorda he and his family owned and operated a bait camp with a small café. Donald later moved his family back to El Campo and worked for Continental Emsco. He even tried his hand at owning and operating H & W Trucking company with his son-in-law. They made deliveries all over the United States. From the late 1990's through 2018, Donald found himself again involved in insurance. He became an agent with Hermann Sons Life (formerly known as Sons of

Hermann) based in San Antonio, Texas. He sold life insurance and annuities for this fraternal organization.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Yoakum, KJZT #37 at St. Ann's in Hochheim, Hermann Sons Life Lodge 87-2 in El Campo, American Legion Post #251 in El Campo and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

Donald was known as Daddy, Papa and Pepo to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved spending time with each and everyone of them. He often made up funny comical names for them and joked around with them every chance that he could. He was passionate about reading; especially, western stories written by Louis La'mour. Donald enjoyed spending time watching western classics and would often be joined by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was an avid gardener and was fond of sharing his produce with family and friends. He was a true prankster with a keen and zealous personality. Donald never met a stranger as he loved talking to people and sharing stories about the past, present and future. He and his wife, Ruby took pleasure in attending dances with friends all over Texas. You could find them dancing in Sweet Home, Sealy, Robstown, DaCosta, Corpus Christi, Rosenberg and even at the Senior Citizen dance at the American Legion Post #251. He looked forward to meeting his friends at Dairy Queen in Yoakum to have coffee, a burger and lots of socializing.

Donald is survived by his wife, Ruby Simper Wigginton; son, Dennis Wigginton of Rosharon, Texas; daughters, Cindy Witcher (Warren) of El Campo and Susan Hansen of Brazoria, Texas. Step-sons, Kenneth Moore of La Grange and Donnie Moore of Yoakum; step-daughter, Kathy Moore of Yoakum; 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Delores Ann Moore Wigginton; brothers, Harold Wigginton, Larry Wigginton and William Northcutt.

Visitation begins 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 1 at Triska Funeral Home with family receiving visitors from 4-6 p.m. A Rosary will be recited 9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 2 at St. Philip Catholic Church with Funeral Mass following at 10 a.m. Burial under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251 will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons: Jason, Wendel and Kody Witcher; Phillip, Patrick and Preston Wigginton; Blake and Garrett Hansen. Honorary Pallbearers will be: John Hailey, Jason Jiral, Kenneth Eggemeyer and Shane Flessner.

The family wants to thank the staff at Yoakum Community Hospital as well as Citizen's Medical Center and De Tar Navarro Hospital in Victoria for their professionalism and for the wonderful care that they provided to Donald over the past few months.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic School Endowment Fund in Yoakum, St. Philip's Catholic Church or donor's choice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Family Will Receive Visitors

JAN 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

JAN 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ I didn't know Donald personally, but my brother Roger Carter and his wife Margie Bunge Carter spoke so highly of him. They apparently had really good times in high school together. I am sorry for your loss.

Linda (Selk) Fox - January 03, 2020 at 09:33 AM

DW

Thank You so very much 🙏

Dennis Wigginton - January 03, 2020 at 04:10 PM

LZ

“ I met Donald Wigginton when my parents, Victor and Sylvia Moreno, became his neighbors. He visited with dad a lot and they were great friends. I always appreciated the attention he gave my dad. The force of his personality was incredible. I remember going to visit he and Ruby in the hospital in Austin after their accident and was not surprised to see that he was very popular with the nurses and staff on the floor. Everyone loved him . Donald had a way of lighting up a room in that case an entire floor. He was such a sweet and loving man. We were all better for having known him. My thoughts and prayers are with Ruby and your family.

Linda Zamora - January 02, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SH

That is very sweet and yes, Daddy always made friends wherever he went, even in the hospital as a patient! He thought alot of your dad. I walked down to your parents house a few times with him. I think I have met you. Thank you so much for your kind words! --Susan

Susan Hansen - January 03, 2020 at 10:33 PM

FF

“ *Very sorry to hear .Very good man .he always had a story .RIP Donald.*

Floyd and Becky Fisher - January 02, 2020 at 10:29 AM

SH

Thank you

Susan Hansen - January 03, 2020 at 10:34 PM

CE

“ *City of Yoakum Council and Employees purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Wigginton.*



City of Yoakum Council and Employees - January 02, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Wigginton.*



December 31, 2019 at 03:14 PM

JF

“ *James "Butch", Ted and Wayne Moore Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Donald Wigginton.*



James "Butch", Ted and Wayne Moore Families - December 31, 2019 at 11:41 AM

CF

“ *Such sad news.
Sending Prayers and Love.*

*Cheryl Moore Falgout
Houma LA*

Cheryl Moore Falgout - December 31, 2019 at 09:33 AM

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Thank you Cheryl

Susan Hansen (Wigginton) - January 03, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Donald Wigginton.*



December 31, 2019 at 07:12 AM

GV

“ *WITH OUR LOVE, SYMPATHY, AND
PRAYERS.*

*GENE & BETTY VALENTA
YOAKUM, TX*



GENE & BETTY VALENTA - December 30, 2019 at 06:59 PM

TR

Uncle Donald will be missed by so many! I most enjoyed his stories each time I saw him & Nanny in town. Thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Tamara Rogers

Tamara Rogers - January 01, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DZ

“ I’ve known Mr Wigginton since my young school days, grew up with and went to school with Susan, was always at their home, and remember him treating me like one of the family. Always kind hearted then and through the years... always would greet you with a smile, tell a story. Donald will be truly missed. Condolences to all the family. Sending Prayers for comfort and strength through this difficult time. God Bless.



Diana Zabodyn - December 30, 2019 at 04:10 PM

EH

“ So sorry for your loss.

Eddie Hernandez - December 30, 2019 at 02:51 PM